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1. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM AN ARTICLE BY DAN GRIFFIN APPEARING IN NOVEMBER 30, 1973 WASHINGTON POST (FULL TEXT BEING POUCHED).

2. QUOTE: CHILE'S MILITARY GOVERNMENT HAS INSTITUTED A "WIDESPREAD AND SYSTEMATIC REPRESSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS" INCLUDING "SELECTED USE OF TORTURE TO INSPIRE FEAR AND SILENCE".

3. MOREOVER, ACCORDING TO THE HEAD OF THE U.S. CATHOLIC CHURCH'S OFFICE FOR LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS, SOME CATHOLIC OFFICIALS "HAVE APPARENTLY SERIOUSLY ERRED IN JUDGMENT BY ALLOWING THEMSELVES TO BE USED BY THE JUNTA."

4. REV. FREDERICK A. MCGUIRE, DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION FOR LATIN AMERICA FOR THE U.S. CATHOLIC CONFERENCE...HAS JUST RETURNED FROM WHAT HE CALLED AN "ON-SITE INVESTIGATION IN CHILE." FOR EXAMPLE, HE SAID, "I RECEIVED A REPORT FROM A WOMAN WHO HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO BRUTAL ELECTRIC SHOCK TORTURES BECAUSE THE MILITARY BELIEVED THAT SHE SHOULD SUPPLY THE NAMES OF SOCIAL ACTIVISTS LIVING IN HER LOW

INCOME NEIGHBORHOOD. I CROSS-CHECKED THE WOMAN'S STORY  
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AND CONFIRMED HER RELIABILITY WITH SEVERAL OBJECTIVE

CHILEAN SOURCES."...

5. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE "THAT FURTHER U.S. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE TO THE CHILEAN JUNTA WILL BE WITHHELD UNTIL CONGRESS IS CONVINCED THAT CURRENT HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS HAVE BEEN TERMINATED", AND SAID THAT THE OFFICE HE HEADS WOULD WORK WITH CONCERNED CONGRESSMEN "SEEKING TO RE-EXAMINE THIS COUNTRIES AID AND TRADE RELATIONS WITH CHILE."

6. HE ALSO URGED THE CHILEAN CATHOLIC CHURCH TO GUARD AGAINST "APPEARANCES OF ALIGNMENT WITH THE JUNTA UNTIL ...FREE SPEECH, FREE PRESS AND THE RIGHT OF PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY ARE RESTORED."... END QUOTE. RUSH

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